



Guide Questions for EPA Community Interviews Related to the Development of a Community Involvement Plan for former Navy Lands in Eastern Vieques, Puerto Rico

- 1) Have you been involved in environmental issues related to the former Navy lands in Vieques? How (e.g., attended meetings, gave input, belonged to groups)?
- 2) What is your understanding of the environmental issues related to the former Navy lands in Vieques?
- 3) In the past, how have you received information about cleanup activities in Vieques (e.g. newspapers ads, fact sheets)?
- 4) Do you have all the information from EPA and/or the Navy to fully understand the cleanup activities in Vieques? What would be the best way for you to receive information in the future?
- 5) What impacts (e.g., quality of life, health, economic) have environmental concerns in Vieques had on you and your community?
- 6) What are the community concerns (e.g., health, environmental) related to the former Navy lands in Vieques?
- 7) How much interaction would you like to have with EPA?
- 8) What is your understanding of EPA's oversight/consulting roles, related to the Navy's cleanup of the lands it formerly owned in Vieques?
- 9) Do you want to just receive written information about the cleanup activities in Vieques, or are you interested in attending meetings and being active in community groups or other forms of involvement?
- 10) Are you aware of other community sources of information (e.g., organizations) about cleanup activities in Vieques?
- 11) What kind of information have you received from local officials on cleanup activities in Vieques?
- 12) What kind of information have you received from the Navy on cleanup activities in Vieques?

13) What is your understanding of the Navy's role and responsibilities, on the cleanup of its former lands in Vieques?

14) How much interaction would you like to have with the Navy?

15) The Navy set up a committee, called the Technical Review Committee, to exchange information and receive community input on cleanup activities in western Vieques.

a) Are you aware of that committee, or the work it is conducting?

b) Would you like to participate in this type of committee? How?

c) Would you like that committee to be expanded into a more formal partnership such as a Restoration Advisory Board, with a requirement for meetings being public noticed, and a membership application process?

d) Do you prefer different committees dedicated to address different areas of Vieques (east, west), or you prefer one committee that deals with all the former Navy lands?

16) Do you or anyone you know, have any knowledge of possible contaminated sites in addition to the ones already identified at the former Navy lands in Vieques?

17) Do you have any additional comment, suggestion, information, or question that you would like to volunteer related to the cleanup activities in Vieques?